



By the King.

A Proclamation prohibiting the keeping
of Bartholomew Fayre, Sturbridge Fayre, and our
Lady Fayre in Southwarke.



He Kings most Excellent Maiestie, out of His Princely care of His louing Subiects, that no good meanes and prouidence may bee neglected, to stay the further spreading of the Infection of the plague, which threatneth the Citie of London, and Borough of Southwarke, and hath much afflicted the Towne of Cambridge, doth finde it necessary to preuent all occasions of publique concourse of His people for the present, vntill it please Almighty GOD of His goodnesse to stay the danger of that Contagion, which is already dispersed into many parts of the Kingdome.

And therefore remembryng that there are at hand thre great Fayres of speciall note, vnto which there is vsually extraordinary resort out of all parts of the Kingdome; The one kept in Smithfield, neere the Citie of London, called Bartholomew Fayre; The other neere Cambridge, called Sturbridge Fayre; The third, in the Borough of Southwarke, called Our Ladie Fayre, The holding whereof at the vsuall times, would in all likelihood bee the occasion of further danger and Infection, to those and to other parts of the Land, which yet by Gods mercie stand cleare, and therefore hath thought good by this open Declaration of his Pleasure and necessary Commandement, not onely to admonish and require all His louing Subiects, to forbear to resort for this time to any of the sayd Fayres, or to any

other Fayres within Fiftie Miles of the sayd Citie of London, but also to enioyne the Lords of the sayd Fayres, and others interested in them or any of them, that they all forbear to hold the sayd Fayres, or any thing appertaining to them, at the times accustomed, or at any other time, till by Gods goodnesse and mercie the Infection of the Plague shall cease, or bee so much diminished, that his Maiestie may safely giue order for holding them, vpon paine of such punishment, as for a contempt so much concerning the vniuersall safety of his people, they shall bee adiudged to deserue, which they must expect to bee inflicted with all severity, his Maiesties desire being so intentiue, for preventing the generall Infection threatened, as hee is resolved to spare no man that shall bee the cause of dispersing the same.

And to that purpose doth hereby further charge and enioyne, vnder the like penalty, all Citizens and Inhabitants of the sayd Citie of London, that none of them shall repaire to any Fayre held within any part of this Kingdome, vntill it shall please God to cease the Infection now being, but such onely as shall haue a Certifiacte vnder the hand and Seale of the Lord Maior of London, that they may safely be receiued.

Nevertheless, his Maiesties intention is, and also hereby declareth himselfe, that no Lords of any Fayres, or others interested in the Profits thereof, shall by this necessary and temporary restraint, receiue preiudice of his or their Right in their Fayres, or Liberties thereunto belonging, any thing before mentioned notwithstanding.

Giuen at Our Court at Nonsuch, the first day of August, in the sixth yeere of Our Reigne of Great Britaine, France and Ireland.

✿ God saue the King. ✿



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